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Dear Josh,

Enclosed please find the reminiscence which you requested. I hope it is satisfactory. I would be happy to revise it or make additions if that would be helpful. I hope it will also answer a question you posed me as to why my experience in the lab contributed to my development as a psychoanalyst.

I would also like to ask whether it would be possible for you to take a look at the paper I sent you on evolved evolution. Though this paper is not one that could be easily appreciated by "classical" analysts, I think that it of great importance, and can have very wide application, for example in the nuclear arms arena, where I originally developed the concepts, as well as in the development of psychoanalysis and economics. It resonates with the work you did on euphenics, but with a focus on the cultural dimension, so important for humans.

While I am presenting the work at the Winter Psychoanalytic Meeting, I have personally found it generates considerable resistance, primarily, I believe, because it is so empowering. Its wide scope and attempt at connecting with empirical science contrasts with the inward theorizing and passivity of traditional analytic work. This is one reason I am interested in your comments. From my post-metapsychological perspective, the paper stands psychoanalytically, and I have had it reviewed by a leading ethologist/psychoanalyst who validated that original area of the work.

I'll be looking forward to future contacts.

Yours,

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